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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This Response is filed in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 19, 2007.

Applicant elects the claims of Group I linking with claims 1 and 2 and identified by the Examiner as containing claims 3-12, drawn to an endoscope with a reading section installed as the distal tip; and within the claims of Group I, Applicant elects Species I. The claims readable on Species I are identified as claims 1-7, which are disclosed in Figs. 1-10. It is noted that claims 1 and 3 (and unelected claim 13) are stated to be generic. If the Examiner disagrees with the conclusions asserted above, he is respectfully requested to contact the applicant's undersigned representative.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter covered in the non-elected claims. Early and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

If this communication is filed after the statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner for Patents is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

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